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SUBJECT: US-USSR MARITIME AGREEMENT, AMTORG STAFF INCREASE

1. THE DEPARTMENT IS PREPARED TO AUTHORIZE VISAS FOR THREE SOVIET SHIPPING SPECIALISTS WHO WILL JOIN THE AMTORG NEW YORK STAFF. THE EMBASSY SHOULD INFORM THE MINISTRY OF THE MARITIME FLEET THAT ISSUANCE OF#VISAS TO LUGOVTSOV, ZABUSOV, AND SHCHERBAKOV IS GOVERNED BY CONSIDERATIONS WHICH THE MINISTRY SHOULD CLEARLY UNDERSTAND.

A. THE INDIVIDUALS OCCUPYING 5 AMTORG SHIPPING POSITIONS (TWO PRESENTLY IN NEW YORK, THREE ADDITIONAL) WILL WORK EXCLUSIVELY ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE US-USSR MARITIME AGREEMENT.

B. IF THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT SHOULD ESTABLISH, WITH APPROPRIATE APPROVAL OF UNITED STATES AUTHORITIES, A COMMERCIAL SHIPPING CORPORATION IN THE UNITED STATES, THESE 5 AMTORG POSITIONS WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO THE NEW CORPORATION.

C. ANY ADDITIONAL EMPLOYEES OF THE SOVIET SHIPPING
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CORPORATION WILL BE UNITED STATES CITIZENS.

D. THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT WILL FACILITATE ARRANGEMENTS, INCLUDING ISSUANCE OF SOVIET VISAS AND SECURING ACCOMODATIONS, FOR UNITED STATES NATIONALS WHO MAY NEED TO BE IN

THE SOVIET UNION, EITHER TEMPORARILY OR PERMANENTLY ASSIGNED, IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT THE US-USSR MARITIME AGREEMENT.

2. PLEASE REPORT MINISTRY REACTION.

3. VISA AUTHORIZATION TO FOLLOW BY SEPTTEL. KISSINGER

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